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Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Date: 5/18 /17

Location: Wye Oak Room - Department of Parks and Recreation– Ocean Gateway, Easton

HPC Members

Name	Attended	Comments
Marsha Kacher, Chair	+	
Robert Amdur	+	
Dorothy Fenwick	+	
Victor MacSorley	+	
Ronald Mitchell	+	
Robert Mueller		
Cindy Schmidt	+	

Staff and Guests

Loren Farris, AECOM;
Miguel Salinas, Martin Sokolich, Brennan Tarleton, eTalbot County Department of Planning and Zoning

Agenda and Notes

Call to order – 3:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

A. Attendance

Robert Mueller absent.

B. Review minutes from 4/13/17 meeting

Motion of approval of Minutes (Amdur, seconded by Mitchell, approved; passed 6-0-1 (Mueller absent for the vote).

II. Old Business

A. AECOM Final Report, Phase 1 of Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Villages of Tilghman, Neavitt, Newcomb and Royal Oak.

Ms. Farris of AECOM provided an overview of the project including the forms created, an overview of the Maryland Historical Trust and their scope of work. She outlined how Talbot was selected for a grant of \$60,000 to look at water oriented villages and what can be done to help them prepare for storm surge and sea level rise. Ms. Farris indicated the project was completed this past April and the scope of work was to document structures threatened by sea level rise in the villages of Royal Oak, Newcomb, Neavitt and Tilghman. She also indicated that AECOM completed Maryland Historic Inventory forms for 29 structures and that MHT was very particular about the procedures followed in every stage from research design through the final report.

Ms. Farris described how they learned the history of the area and how the villages' individual histories shaped their unique communities in one of the most historic areas in the country. She also described the characteristic architecture includes the W- houses, historic fishermen's buildings and vernacular styles. The MIHP surveys completed by AECOM, according to Ms. Farris included both contributing and noncontributing structures and the character of the retail structures and districts.

Ms. Farris stated that useful research materials were found in the Maryland Room of the Talbot County Library and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and other materials were available online. Ms. Farris noted that research materials helped to establish the survey district boundaries for each village and could help establish boundaries for historic districts in future work.

All survey work, according to Ms. Farris, was included in the MIHP forms and referenced with the maps and photos for the villages. Ms. Farris described the steps in the scope of work after completion of the MIHP forms: the work was submitted to the County in December of 2016 for review, a priority list was created based on where structures in the greatest flood risk were located. Twenty nine structures were selected that were historically significant as well as architecturally intact; and Hazard Mitigation Forms in respect to conditions and protection measures. The forms were completed for the priority list with respect to existing conditions and recommended general protection measures for individual properties.

- B. **Update on Phase II Hazard Mitigation Grant (Vision Planning and Consulting).** Mr. Salinas stated that research work was underway and the contract was sent out for signature.
- C. **Follow-up on Eastern Village historic survey report to Talbot County Council by Elizabeth.** Mr. Salinas informed the commission that the presentation to the County Council by Elizabeth Beckley was very well received. The Council was interested in presenting the results for the work to the residents of the three villages, with a suggestion to have the event in Cordova's Fire Hall.
- D. **Report on April 19 Tax Credit Seminars.** The HPC discussed the outcome of the tax credit seminar and the number of people in attendance that were not associated with historic commissions.

E. Site Visit Report, Crooked Intention

The HPC noted the completion of the Crooked Intentions site visit and report and indicated their pleasure with the inclusion of additional historic information included additional historic information.

III. New Business

A. Introduction of new Planner 1, Brennan Tarleton

Mr. Salinas introduced Brennan Tarleton to the HPC. Mr. Tarleton described his background to the HPC

B. May Site Visit

The HPC discussed their plan for their may site visit to the Longwood School. The HPC also discussed how the school, as a valuable resource, was underutilized; only hosting a few school visits. Mr. Sokolich told the HPC that the County was looking for ways to make more extensive use of property. The HPC scheduled the site visit for Wednesday May 17, at 3 PM.

IV. Open Floor

Mr. Salinas updated the HPC on the historic Neavitt Store: a nonprofit was attempting to organize – and any demolition is on hold. Mr. Salinas stated that staff would contact one of the organizers for an update.

Mr. Salinas stated that once the Hazard Mitigation grant is completed, there could be a possible joint presentation by the HPC and Emergency Services to the County Council about inclusion of the results into the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

V. Adjourn

Motion to close the meeting at 4:00 p.m. (Amdur, second by MacSorley) passed 6-0-0.

Follow-up:

- Staff will contact Elizabeth Beckley regarding a possible presentation in Cordova.